

- ☑ Total reservists activated as of this week: 946
- ☑ Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead one hour Sunday, April 6, 2003, 2 a.m.
- ☑ Helping kids cope with war stress (back page)

Hours of operation

Chapel Center

Chaplain available 24/7
(pager: 413-785-3195), base Ext. 3031

Fitness Center

Monday-Friday, 5:30 a.m.-8 p.m.
Saturday (non-UTA), 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Sunday (non-UTA), closed
UTA Saturdays, 8 a.m.-8 p.m.
UTA Sundays, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Bowling Center

Monday-Friday lunch and bowling,
11 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Westover Consolidated Club

Breakfast: 6-8 a.m. until Thursday
lunch, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
dinner, 5-8 p.m.

Westover Dining Facility

Breakfast, daily, 5-8 a.m.,
\$1.60 for those on per diem,
UTA status - free
Midnight meals, 11 p.m.-1 a.m.
boxed meals provided daily

Family Support Center

Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday of A UTA,
9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Saturday of B UTA, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
closed Sunday of B UTA

Legal Office

Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Base Exchange

Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sunday 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Shoppette

Monday-Saturday 8 a.m.-7:30 p.m.
Sunday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Barber Shop (next to BX)

Tuesday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Saturday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
closed Sundays

Daily Base Shuttle

Bus will complete route every 15
minutes during meal hours at the
Westover Club and dining facility.
Other stops: Hangar Avenue, supply
and bowling center.

Troops reunited after 17 years



TSgts. James Martin, left, and Gilbert Howell, are augmentees helping the 439th Services Squadron with the surge of operations at Westover. Martin is from Niagara Falls, N.Y., while Howell is from Portland, Ore. They became friends while assigned to Ellsworth AFB, S.D., in the early 1980s.

Article and photo by SSgt. Andrew Biscoe

Chance beat the odds with this transcontinental reunion after 17 years.

TSgts. James Martin and Gilbert Howell, whose friendship formed during the Cold War at Ellsworth AFB, S.D., were recently reunited despite thousands of miles and almost two decades between them.

The two reservists – now volunteering for Operation Enduring Freedom – found themselves shaking hands in February when they were both assigned to Westover to augment the 439th Services Squadron when the surge of operations started here. Their meeting took place in the Galaxy Dining Facility when Howell did a double-take to find his friend from so many years ago.

"He looked familiar," Howell said. "I stuck my hand out. I said, 'Hey, hey, Jim! 'He had a shocked look on his face."

Martin wasn't so sure it was the same person who was his best man at his wedding.

Martin was in disbelief. "I never thought I would bump into him again," he said.

Martin, 42, and Howell, 41, roomed together at Ellsworth in the early 1980s. Then, as now, they were assigned in food services. The difference was they were deep underground in different Minuteman missile solos

throughout South Dakota. They eventually moved off Ellsworth and bought a mobile home together. When Martin got out of the Air Force in 1986, they went their separate ways.

These days, services co-workers recall the classic 1979 movie starring John Belushi and Dan Aykroyd when they see Howell and Martin laughing and joking about their incredible coincidence.

"They call us the Blues Brothers," Martin said. "We hang out with each other."

Martin is with the 914th Services Squadron at Niagara Falls, N.Y., and lives in Toronto, Ontario. Howell, lives in Portland, Ore., and is assigned to the 939th Rescue Wing at Portland International Airport.

Considering the distance between them, the prospect is always there for someone to know somebody, as a way to have something in common, Martin said. "We all arrive at assignments where we want to see if we know someone from active duty," he said. "We just happened to volunteer for the same assignment." With the 17-year gap closed, Howell said six weeks at Westover still hasn't provided enough time for each to talk about what happened with their lives.

"We've got lots to catch up on," he said. "It's our family reunion," Martin added.

Base IEU/clothing store closed

The Base Supply Individual Equipment / Clothing Issue Store will be closed for inventory from March 31 to April 2. The store will reopen on April 3. For emergency issues, call Ext. 2596.

FY-04 UTA schedule for Westover ARB

	A	B
October	4-5	18-19
November	1-2	15-16
December	6-7	NO B UTA
January	10-11	24-25
February	7-8	21-22
March	6-7	20-21
April	3-4	17-18
May	1-2	15-16
June	12-13	26-27
July	10-11	24-25
August	7-8	21-22
September	11-12	25-26

Pat Stats

Served since Feb. 2, 2003
3,130 passengers - 772 aircraft
11,190,761 pounds of cargo
Info from MSgt. Jim Garrity, 42APS

Meals

4,022 hot meals served
Box lunches: 730 - duty personnel
2,490 - passengers

Info from TSgt. David Beauregard, 439SVS

Fuel since Feb. 1, 2003

4,966,249 gallons of JP-8
info from Jim Maloney, fuels

Lone Star troops aid Westover

by MSgt. Tom Allocco

The Texans are back at Westover to help keep the surge going 24 hours a day. Last week, about 160 recently activated maintenance specialists came here from the 433rd Airlift Wing, Lackland AFB, Texas.

The maintainers include crew chiefs, hydraulics, engine and avionics technicians and electro/environmental specialists who are working with the 439th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. Sheet metal and aerial repair specialists are helping in the 439th Maintenance Squadron shops. Some are also assigned to the Maintenance Operations Control Center (MOCC), formerly Job Control.

The maintainers from Texas are working side-by-side with their Westover counterparts on 12-hour shifts to keep planes moving during the busiest long stretch of activity here since Desert Storm. Immediately following the kick-off of the

surge, many of them served here for several weeks in February in civilian status before being activated and returning to Lackland AFB. Their orders assign them here for up to six months.

The efforts of the Texans are greatly appreciated by the Patriot Wing maintainers, said CMSgt. Michael Major, 439th AMXS Maintenance Superintendent. "When we were activated our manning was for 10 airplanes a day and all of a sudden we got upwards of 20 to 24 on the ground," he said.

"They are doing a fantastic job. They are helping us fix and move aircraft to meet the flying schedule," he said.

"They are integrated in our teams and on our trucks. We have four shifts and four teams on every shift. They possess a tremendous amount of skill and enthusiasm and they have a very positive can-do attitude," the maintenance superintendent said.

Helping kids cope with war stress

by MSgt. Tom Allocco

The stresses of childhood can be difficult at the best of times, but since 9/11 children and parents have had to deal with a new set of anxieties for which they may not be prepared. Help is available if you are having trouble talking to children about war and the stresses of the events since the attacks on America.

Roy Green, director of the Westover Family Support Center, and Chaplain (Capt.) William Wiecher are assisting area schools to set up support groups to give counsel and guidance to children and parents. They offer a brochure, "Talking With Children About War," which addresses the concerns of parents and offers insights in how children respond to potentially traumatic events around them.

An important point made in the brochure is that if children are not talking about war, it doesn't mean they are not thinking about it. Sometimes when children feel overwhelmed they can't express themselves verbally and may act out their feelings in other ways. They may be

short-tempered, anxious, have nightmares or withdraw.

For a copy of "Talking With Children About War" or for more information, call the Family Support Center at Ext. 3024 or the Chaplain at Ext. 3031.

Easter buffet at Club

The Westover Club will offer an Easter Buffet, with seating from from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Easter Sunday, April 20.

The buffet will include roast turkey, seafood newburg, carved honey ham, roast beef, smoked salmon, shrimp and an elaborate dessert station.

The buffet will be \$14.95 for members, \$16.95 for non-members and \$7.50 for children 6 to 12 years old. It will be free for children five and under.

Parties with five or more non-affiliated adult guests must call the Club two weeks in advance to provide information for the security gate. For reservations call Ext. 2039 or 593-5532.

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